Assessment for Liabilities against M/s. Hoechst

659. SHRI BEKAL UTSAHI: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS be pleased to refer to the answers to Unstarred Questions 3316 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 7th January, 1991 and state:

(a) whether the liability of Rs. 458. 10 lakhs assessed against M/s. Hoechst upto Decmeber, 1983 by the special Team was in respect of bulk drugs or 'formulations or both;

(b) what are the amounts recoverable from this company as of now and whether the judgement of the Supreme Court has been kept in view in the latest assessment; and

(c) what are the names of the companies who have provided full data for assessing final liability and what is the final assessment in each of those cases?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS AND PARLIA-MENTARY AFFAIR. S (SHRI SATVA PRAKASH MALAVIYA): (a) It was in respect of Bulk Drugs only.

(b) In the background of the Supreme Court's judgement, a tentative recoverable amount of Rs. 78 crores ha?' been assessed against M/s. Hoechst so far and it includes Rs. 24. 91 crores tentatively assessed for the period unto December, 1983.

(c) None of the companies involved in the Supreme Court case have provided full details for assessment of their final liability.

Production and Import of Ampicillin Sodium Sterile

660. SHRI BEKAL UTSAHI Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS be pleased to state;

(a) what are the names of the producers of Ampicillin Sodium Sterile;

(b) what is the stage from which each is producing and what was the production of each during the last two years, year-wise;

(c) whether it is a fact that price of this drug has been fixed under DPCO 1987;

(d) if so, when was the price tied and what is the price fixed and on what basis the price was fixed;

(e) whether it is a fact that the price of the drug is being overcharged through credit notes or otherwise;

(f) whether it is also a fact that im port of drug has been restricted on the recommendation of his Ministry; and

(g) if so, what is the justification for such a restriction?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS AND PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI SATYA PRAKASH MALAVIYA); (a) and (b) Production of Ampicillin Sodium Sterile is not monitored. However, the names of companies given industrial approvals alongwith capacities are given in the Statement. All approvals are from indigenous 6 APA/ Ampicillin Trihydrate.

(c) to (e) Yes Sir. Th_e price fixed on 13. 9. 90 at Rs. 2941/Kg. based on the recommendation of BICP, keeping in view the purchase price of ampicillin trihydrate.

(f) Yes Sir, in consultation with D. G. T. D.

(g) Imports of Ampicillin Sodium have been restricted to encourage indigenous production, which is one of the basic objectives of drug policy and to check the outflow of foreign exchange.